



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Environmental Management Policy

It is the New England Regional Laboratory's (NERL) policy to integrate environmental stewardship into all facets of our operations. We will manage our organizations and our programs in a manner that protects the environment, the safety of our employees, and public health.

In support of this policy, the managers and staff of NERL commit to:

- Comply fully with the letter and spirit of all applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations.
- Work continuously to improve the effectiveness of our environmental management.
- Seek to prevent pollution before it is produced, reduce the amount of waste at our facility, re-use and recycle whenever possible, and support pollution prevention by our customers and suppliers.
- Provide appropriate environmental training and educate employees to be environmentally responsible on the job.
- Work to continuously improve our environmental performance by establishing and periodically reviewing our environmental performance goals, and monitor our environmental performance regularly through rigorous evaluations.
- Consider environmental factors and the full acquisition, use and disposal costs when making planning, purchasing, and operating decisions.
- Maintain and improve the grounds of NERL in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- Use energy efficiently throughout our operations, and support the efficient use of gas and electricity in our facility.
- Share information on our Environmental Policy and performance with the public and work cooperatively with the local community and other stakeholders to further common environmental objectives.
- Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout our organization
- Revisit the Policy and Environmental Management System yearly to make any necessary revisions due to operation changes or environmental improvements

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